

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

BLUEFIELD DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 1:08-cr-00040-01

GILMORE RICHARDS,

Defendant.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND JUDGMENT ORDER

Pending before the Court is a motion, brought pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2), to reduce Defendant's sentence based on a subsequent reduction in the applicable sentencing guideline. On November 1, 2010, pursuant to the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, the United States Sentencing Guidelines were amended resulting in reductions in the guidelines in Section 2D1.1 for cocaine base. These temporary, emergency amendments to the Guidelines took effect on November 1, 2010. Permanent amendments implementing the Act were promulgated on April 6, 2011, with an effective date of November 1, 2011. Subsequently, the Sentencing Commission voted to give retroactive effect to the permanent amendments. Pursuant to a Standing Order entered on October 7, 2011, this case was designated for Standard consideration.

The Court has received and considered the addendum to the Presentence Investigation Report (PSI) from the Probation Office and received any materials submitted by the parties on this issue.

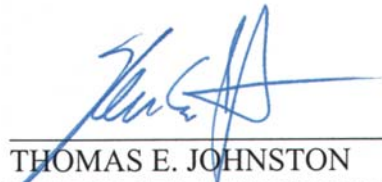
Based on the foregoing considerations, the Court finds that the Defendant is ineligible for a sentence reduction based on the 2011 amendments to U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1. Accordingly,

Defendant's motions for a sentence reduction [Dockets 94 and 95] are **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to the Defendant and counsel, the United States Attorney, the United States Probation Office, and the United States Marshal.

ENTER: January 11, 2012

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THOMAS E. JOHNSTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE